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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, UN, CY, CA
SUBJECT: UNFICYP

REF: STATE 57833

1. EXTAFF OFFICIALS (AFTER SOME PRODDING) CALLED IN
EMBOFF MAY 7 TO GIVE GOC VIEWS ON POINTS MADE REFTEL
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2. CONCERNING SUGGESTIONS MADE REFTEL, OFFICIALS SAID
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